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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been amended; and claims 3 and 6 have been canceled. As such, claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7-11 are in this application and are presented for the Examiner's consideration in view of the following comments.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this regard, claim 1 has been equivalently rewritten to include the requirements of dependent claim 3; and claim 4 has been equivalently rewritten to include the requirements of dependent claim 6. Claims 3 and 6 have been canceled.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11. In the interests of furthering prosecution, Applicants have incorporated all of the Examiner's suggestions except for one. With regard to the Examiner's suggestion to amend claim 7, ln. 9, from "a secondary" to "the secondary", it respectfully appears to Applicants that "a secondary" is appropriate. If the Examiner still feels contrary, the Examiner is authorized to perform an Examiner's amendment.

Claims 3, 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have canceled claims 3 and 6; and have amended claim 7 to remove the basis for this rejection.

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,894,996 issued May 17, 2005 to Lee (*Lee*). In the interests of furthering prosecution, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 4 as noted above to remove the basis for this rejection.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 4 are patentable over *Lee*. Consequently, dependent claims 2 and 5 are also in condition for allowance.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at

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this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' attorney in order to overcome any additional objections that the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0832 therefor.

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